

Oblique Meetings

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The answer to the meta is a 6-letter word

ACROSS

- 1 Liability's opposite
 6 ___, die, das
 9 Sports fan's obsession, perhaps
 14 Thai sauce made with peanuts
 15 Place of higher ed. in Australia
 16 ___ incognita (unknown land)
 17 Big name in broth (and also a large merchant ship used in medieval Scandinavia, if that helps)
 18 Negating word
 19 Send out for takeaway
 20 Mathematician and computer programming pioneer / 20UR Up the ___ (increase the stakes)
 23 Prefix meaning "outer"
 24 Unpaid TV ad
 25 Many mins. / 25UR Emotional centre
 27 Turns red, as an apple
 32 Makes another backup (just in case!)
 36 Book of maps / 36DR Celestial study
 37 "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" actor ___ Diggs
 39 Device used to measure the output of an engine (for short)
 40 Exam that might get you into doctoring (abbr.)
 41 Taylor Swift album with the song "The Man"
 42 Singer Celine ___ / 42UR Change the colour of something
 43 "Not hungry" / 43UR "___ of Dogs" (Wes Anderson movie)
 44 Interesting times
 45 Porto-Novo's country
 46 1972 David Bowie hit with an octave jump in the chorus
 48 How you might feel listening to ASMR
 49 "Round ___ virgin"
 50 College transcript no.
 52 Gov. agency that Tilda Swinton's character would have worked for if "Moonrise Kingdom" had been set in Australia
 55 "A Hard Day's Night" song that Lennon called McCartney's "first 'Yesterday'"
 62 "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" singer ___ John
 64 "Cheerleader" singer
 65 "Goodnight ___" (Eric Clapton song)
 66 Something clarified in a hypothetical scenario (like who to throw out of a lifeboat)
 67 Prefix for -ipotent and -iscient?
 68 '30s bandleader ___ Jones
 69 Egg-shaped / 69UR Muesli morsel
 70 Spanish king
 71 Agenda entries / 71UR "___ the Light" (song from "Tangled")

DOWN

- 1 "___ stupid question..."
 2 Make smooth / 2DR Leather used to sharpen a razor
 3 Greek colonnade
 4 Voice of Darth Vader, James ___ Jones
 5 Neophyte
 6 Most of Arrakis, seemingly

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- 7 Name that can precede Holmes and Gay
 8 Harry Potter character ___ Skeeter
 9 Has the helm
 10 Traditional English beverage / 10DR Nirvana, for example
 11 Commedia dell' ___
 12 Kids' cereal
 13 "Mens sana in corpore ___" ("A sound mind in a sound body")
 21 Corp. execs
 22 One of three at a birthday, perhaps / 22DR Child's waxy drawing stick
 26 Make unhappy
 27 "Ghostbusters" director Harold ___
 28 Where ___ (trendy place)
 29 Rio de la ___
 30 Restaurant
 31 Letters on a magnet
 32 Deli loaves
 33 Competing
 34 Anoint, once upon a time
 35 ___ Jim (patronising term of address for a male person)
 37 Actor Rip ___ (whose names are almost synonyms)
 38 Palindromic Gardner
 41 "Can't Fight The Moonlight" singer ___ Rimes
 45 Attracted to both males and females, for short
 47 ___ and groaned
 48 "The ___ of Pooh" (Benjamin Hoff book)
 50 One-foot putt, e.g.
 51 "Elder" Roman historian / 51DR Graceful and elegant bearing
 52 "Whip It" band
 53 Eastern European / 53DR Simple earring
 54 WWII battle site in Normandy
 56 Entryway
 57 Henry with VI wives
 58 Before now, in the olden days
 59 "That's mildly amusing, worthy of a couple of syllables"
 60 Name of a an ancient Palestine city that's an anagram of "name"
 61 Sleep stages
 63 Nod accompaniment in Paris